

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 as follows  
(see the accompanying "marked up" version pursuant to 1.121):

Please amend the paragraph from page 1, lines 3-7 to read as follows:

C<sup>1</sup> The present invention relates to a multi-composition stick product comprising a molded stick composition, such as a lip balm, sun screen, deodorant, or glue stick, provided in a container which serves as the mold during manufacture and from which the composition may be advanced/ejected and retracted. The invention also relates to a process and system for manufacturing the stick product.

Please amend the paragraph from page 3, lines 12-17 to read as follows:

C<sup>2</sup> The present invention provides a multi-composition stick product comprising a container and a molded stick composition disposed so as to contact the walls of the container and be advanceable and retractable in the container. To assist in allowing the molded stick composition to freely advance and retract, the interior walls of the container are substantially smooth. The stick composition comprises a first composition and a second composition. The first and second compositions differ in at least one component, *i.e.*, the first or second composition contains a component which is not contained in the other composition, and are arranged in a predetermined non-random pattern that is reproducible.

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Please amend the paragraph from page 4, lines 3-10 to read as follows:

c<sup>3</sup> According to a special aspect of this invention, a stick product is provided comprising a container and a molded stick composition disposed so as to contact the walls of the container and be advanceable and retractable in the container. Again, the walls of the container may be substantially smooth to facilitate the movement of the stick composition. The container confers a desired shape or design to the stick composition and the stick product. At least a portion of the outer and/or inner contour of the container is non-circular. For example, the outer and inner contours of the container may be heart shaped. Alternatively, the outer contour of the container may be heart shaped while the inner contour is circular or vice versa. In this embodiment, the stick composition may have only one phase (homogeneous) or two or more distinct phases.

Please amend the paragraph from page 4, lines 28-29 to read as follows:

c<sup>4</sup> Figure 1d is a perspective view of a multi-composition stick product advanced from an exemplary container having the same inner and outer heart shaped contour;

Please amend the paragraph from page 5, lines 1-3 to read as follows:

c<sup>5</sup> Figure 1e is a perspective view of a multi-composition stick product advanced from an exemplary container having a cylindrical outer contour and a heart

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shaped inner contour;

[ Please amend the paragraph from page 6, lines 6-14 to read as follows:

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In the application the following terms are defined. The side walls may be substantially smooth to allow the composition to be freely advanced and retracted. The term "stick product" is defined as a product comprising a container and a stick composition, where the stick composition is: (a) manufactured directly in the container in which it is sold, so that the container also serves as a mold during the casting process, whereby the composition is in contact with the side walls of the container, and (b) advanced/ejected and retracted, such as by mechanical rotation or mechanical force without rotation, through an open end of the container. The side walls may be substantially smooth to allow the composition to be freely advanced and retracted. The term "stick composition" is defined as a malleable, semi-solid composition that is sufficiently solid so as to substantially retain its shape when advanced/ejected and retracted from an open end of the container, while capable of leaving a desired residue when applied by swiping.

[ Please amend the paragraph starting on page 6, lines 20-27 to read as follows:

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Figure 1a is a perspective view of an example multi-composition stick product 10 advanced or retracted in the container. The multi-composition stick

C<sup>1</sup> product 10 comprises a container 12 and a molded stick composition 14 disposed so as to contact the walls of the container and be advanceable and retractable in the container. The stick composition in Figure 1a comprises a first composition and a second composition. It is, however, within the intended scope of the invention for the stick composition to comprise more than two compositions. The first and second compositions are preferably chemically similar materials. In a preferred embodiment, the top surface 16 of the stick composition 14 is substantially planar.

[ Please amend the paragraph from page 11, lines 1-4 to read as follows:

C<sup>2</sup> The stick composition may be a composition intended for topical application to a person, such as a lip balm, lipstick, lip gloss, deodorant, or sunscreen, or other composition, such as a glue stick. The stick composition is sufficiently solid to substantially retain its shape when advanced/ejected and retracted from the container.

[ Please amend the paragraph from page 20, lines 5-19 to read as follows:

C<sup>9</sup> By way of example, the systems and method for manufacturing the multi-composition stick product in accordance with the present invention will now be described in detail for a specific embodiment of a multi-composition stick product wherein the image is a heart. The heart shaped image in Figures 3a-3d is different than that shown in Figures 1a-1d in that the sides are curved instead of straight. An